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Good morning my name is Patricia Mitchell born and raised in beautiful Michigan, and by all accounts a model citizen, I was on homecoming court, a cheerleader, vice president and treasurer of my class, a ski coach for Special Olympics, was Michigan's State champion in Children Story telling and Miss Teen Michigan 1st runner up. I received a 4 year degree in 2 half years, attending Colorado college and Kings College in the UK I starred in the college musical & Directed a rock opera, received a standing ovation every night, a member of the Young Americans. Involved in my church, sister Rose and I would go down to Detroit to Soup Kitchen, serve meals, all before work, at noon.

Two days after graduating from college, I move to NYC with an invitation with modeling & acting agency. For a decade I received some measure of success, I lived and worked in 6 countries and appeared in hundreds of fashion and society magazines.

Photos

I achieved this without the help or support of any family member. my parents don't believe in higher education, they gambled, watched TV..instead of work, my siblings followed in their path.

During my childhood I was sleep and food deprived, and noticeably underweight, and humiliated, by my mother Virg, this was reinforced by years of mockery and public defamation. It became a life obsession of hers that continues to this day.

After a decade absence, I naively hoped for are reconciliation, I made a regretful visit to their house in Traverse City, 9 months pregnant. I met the father at festival soon so after I discovered he was fraud with a violent criminal record, but he followed me to Michigan.

My estranged sister, Carolyn Spencer had just been hired as a Family First agent with CPS, within days I was assaulted by my parents, fearing I would press charges, my sister blackmailed me threatening to take my unborn child, if I pressed charges against them, I was vulnerable & confused.

She & Virg convinced two CPS caseworkers to find Judge Powers, where he was in the Hallway of TC courts, And it is there where he sign custody over to the father. *Without* a Hearing, not so much as a Session, without any evidence against me or for me and without any knowledge of the father.

Here is our apartment in TC.

The father, a chronic alcoholic, pot smoker, a 10th grade drop out, with an extensive criminal background in 3 states, including assault, for beating me while pregnant.

Here is where CPS placed my baby. photos

The father lived in this school bus at the time my CPS placed my child with the father, with the urgency of my sister & Virg. (photo) the Bus reside on the property of twice convicted sex offender, Donald Nelson, who lived in a trailer yards from the bus, he was also on probation at the time, that stated NO contact with children.

When I refused to give my child to the father knowing the environment she would be forced to live in, I was charged with "kidnapping," it was dismissed but later this Charge and several others like this one, where I was clearly acting in the best interest of my child, was used against me to terminate my parental rights.

Photos

My sister, mother used CPS by using my baby as a weapon against me ..

I contacted renowned civil rights attorney Dean Robb, He called the judge & prosecutors and said, "What the hell was going on over there?"

At that time the assistant prosecutor, Lynn Buday, recognized that my sister and mother Virg were not acting in the best interest of my child.

The next day Buday made an unprecedented move for a single mother by filing an appearance to represent me in a reverse custody trial.

By the 5th day of these proceedings..... I easily won my child back from Bonsell! But my sister stormed out of the court room, came back with attorney Debra Lynch, who filed an appearance with a Motion to Intervene, to place my child permanently into state custody, into foster care.

With this new intervention the return of my child was put on hold, and our fate was in limbo. My court ordered visitations were not being honored by my sister and mother and they're repeatedly in contempt of court. I filed a complaint, there was no response. CPS was twisting and manipulating the laws and rules to keep my child in state custody.

Virg took my child out of the State and when she returned 5 months later, my baby was unrecognizable, she lost 4 lbs, was covered with inflamed bug bites from head to toes,, my cheerful confident baby did not smile, her eyes looked vacant, I went into shock, my teeth began to shatter by their own accord, I got physically sick, I had nowhere to turn, so I left to get help from my friends in NYC.

It is with horror, I stand before you today informing you. when I left to get help in NYC, the Michigan CPS terminated my parental rights. CPS claimed "Abandonment."

The same assistant prosecutor who represented me in my reverse custody trial as **the fit parent to receive full custody now terminated my parental rights**, even though there was no interaction between myself and my child between the time Buday was representing me as the "fit parent" and the filing to terminate my parental rights.

I was not told about trial pending to terminate my rights. I was never offered a parenting class, which is mandated by the state before terminating a parent's rights, most likely because my parenting skills were never in question.

On the second day of the proceedings, I got a call in NYC from A court appointed attorney informing me that a trial was in progress. I flew out the next plane. I had no witnesses in my behalf, testimonies were ludicrous, one witness said "Well I never met her in person but I thought I saw her once coming out of a bar and she looked mad." And all the allegations that were proven false and dismissed in CPS courts were now being used as if they were true in my termination trial.

Although 3 out of the 4 therapist spoke in my favor to receive full custody of my child, the 4th gave me a generic psychological State test, full of questions like have you ever seen yourself on TV, in magazines, do you know famous people? When I answered truthfully, He testified in court, implying to the jury that I was delusional and said "Patricia believes she was in magazines, on TV, she believes she was a fashion model, she believes she went to College, Everyone in that court room knew about my achievements and history including CPS; except the jury. I tried to speak up, but was ordered to be silent.

I planned to Appeal on the fact that Buday had represented me in the Reverse Custody Trial as the fit parent to receive full custody, I requested the transcripts, but was told it would cost \$3,000. When I agreed to pay, the courts called me back and told me that Buday had accidentally recorded over them. I reported this Act of Tampering with evidence to Attorney General's office. **Buday was suspended from her job**, She moved to the next county to become a judge. The TC courts were Fined by the state, but that did nothing to return my child to me. *I never saw my baby again.*

I later discovered that my court appointed attorney at the termination Trial was having an affair with Buday's assistant at the time of the proceedings at the Termination trial, resulting in the suspension of her law license and resulting in my court appointed attorney's divorce.

As inconceivable as my story is, I am not alone. There are thousands of CPS cases like mine, each case more tragic than the next.

Children Protective Services have absolutely Nothing to do with Protecting children.

 State Representatives --I have ten more minutes of this speech. That highlights my finding & research, may I be given permission to CONTINUE...?

IF NO: Will members of this committee be willing to make ten minute appointment this week to hear the finding I have highlighted in the rest of this speech?

The way the federal government deals with these tragic cases is by giving more money / financial incentives to local communities to develop more programs and more training, hoping to prevent the separation of children and parents, but this money has resulted in unintended consequences.

CPS needs children in their local foster care agencies to meet the federal funding standards; the more children in that local cps agency, the more money that agency will receive from the federal government, the more will be distributed out to that community, and the higher the paychecks will be, for CPS staff and their thousands of affiliates, including CPS judges, attorneys, doctors, nurses, therapists, psychiatrist, private organizations, and several sub-agencies like Family First and Head Start.

Supervisors of CPS request their staff "get their numbers up," which means *"we need more children in state custody to meet our payroll."*

CPS agencies are systematically taking children from their parents and it is encouraged within CPS to quickly terminating their parental rights *without 'Just Cause,' without 'Due Process.'*

Forcing tens of thousands of children every year needlessly into homes of unstable strangers, called foster parents, where they are being severely abused, tortured and killed. 64% of foster children are reported abused, yet people close to this industry know the true number is closer to 87%.

96% of foster parents are on disability, unemployment, or have low income jobs, and foster ONLY for the money, To pay rent, cable, and put food on the table. This breeds resentment towards these children.

the three federal mandates to become a foster parent:

First, have a bed for the child;

Second, proof of income; 95% show State assistance;

Third, a background check is required, but the policy does not prohibit a caseworker to accept an adult with a criminal record, caseworkers are aware of this. Supervisors she said *"If we did not accept foster parents with criminal records we would have no foster parents."*

In 2012, 33,434 Michigan children were taken from their parents. Statistics reveal that only 6% of those children were in danger. Within a few years that's hundreds of thousands of children & parents lives are destroyed.

According to the Federal AFCARS Report in 2008, 3,292 children went missing, and presumed dead, after being placed into state custody, that's only in three states: Ohio, Washington and Colorado. No one is being held accountable for any of these missing children in state custody. CPS staff & affiliates have immunity..... communities know this going in for a job position in the CPS industry.

Michigan's Children's Ombudsman Office Director stated in a public interview that "It is a rare day that I do not receive an email notifying me of another child fatality in foster care." Yet the fatalities reported do not reflect her statement.

I have been told it's a common practice to shred the files of a child that dies in foster care or goes missing.

Using Children as Currency is not working, it's resulting in toddlers, infants being raped and subject to sadistic torture, their being drugged and placed in crate like cages, Foster parenting has become a magnet for pedophiles and sadistic types.

I have several examples of CPS caseworkers and affiliates who have been convicted of heinous crimes against their foster children; including a CPS male nurse who filmed himself raping a 2 day old preemie infant. But no time for these examples.

(For example: Michael Lutts, a CPS pediatric male nurse who was also a foster parent, was convicted of raping a 2 day old infant who/foster child. He began the abuse on the day he received custody of this baby, He filmed the abuse.

Wanda Sue Larson, a CPS supervisor, also a foster parent, was convicted of aggravated child abuse for beating a boy, handcuffing him to a post outside in the cold with no clothes, and tying a dead chicken around his neck. Five other children were also abused in her care.

A regional CPS supervisor was convicted of child pornography, and marketing the child pornography on the Internet.

A pediatrician of 30 years, Dr. Danial O'Hern, who worked with CPS, was convicted of possessing child pornography on his computer.

A foster mom, Rana L. Cooper, who had seven children in her custody, was charged with aggregated child abuse, after she forced a young girl in her care to eat dirty cat litter, and when the child began to vomit, the foster mom then tried to sew the foster child's mouth shut with a needle and thread.

An unemployed foster dad, the boyfriend of a CPS caseworker, was convicted of aggravated child abuse after beating a boy close to death, then using a thick red string & needle to sew

the boy's head back to together. Officials also found 3 foster children, all toddlers, in a dark back room in cage-like crates.]

It is a part of the CPS's dialog to convince potential foster parents, assuring them CPS caseworkers will *NOT* come to their house to check on the children their fostering. Pedophiles and sadistic types take advantage of this practice. Deception and corruption has become the culture of CPS Industry.

CPS is NOT concerned with neglectful or violent parents, Instead, they are targeting vulnerable parents like single mothers and fathers with no support system and little resources, or for not knowing English, for homeschooling, or when a parent goes into hospital, The Majority are losing children to "Abandonment" which covers a broad scale, from A single father working long hours at a minimum wage job to a Single parent soldier serving several tours of duty, OR being incarcerated for a traffic ticket. CPS ALSO targets Defiant parents, like standing Senator Rick Murphy from Arizona, or Brenda & Josh Burns a Registered nurse and an Major airline pilot, **CPS is clearly not acting in the best interest of our children.**

ALL it takes is anonymous caller to CPS, to take a child from their parents. The majority are calls from disgruntled co workers, ex's, and neighbors, using CPS as weapon to punish parent, sadistically using children as pawns.

When allegations against the parents are proven false, caseworkers come up with new allegations or twist the current allegations, to keep the child in state custody. CPS petitions are grossly misleading they often use old petitions that pertain to other parents, keeping the same generic terminology for multiple cases.

Children are taken from perfectly loving, capable parents and put into the hands of incompetent and abusive foster or adoptive parents. The majority are being readopted numerous times into "forever homes," for financial benefits and incentives.

While "financial incentives" are at the root of this corrupt industry, the intentional cruelty is rooted in "inappropriate relationships" between the caseworkers and foster parents . example, a caseworkers recruit boyfriends to be foster parents, Both financially benefit from the same transaction. Over the years, this partnerships has been perfected, both with deceptive motives, For example allowing 12 children into one foster home, when the Policy Manual suggest only 4 to household, financially benefiting the foster parent and caseworker, There are no penalties when a case worker does not follow the policy mandates.

It is no secret that the majority of CPS caseworkers are unqualified, lacking higher education and experience. when CPS's manual went digital, they tell me "no one reads it." CPS caseworkers are supposed to have college degrees, but in some cases are just hired off the streets. Regional supervisors are not required to have any experience in child development, and learn the ropes from the local Supervisors.

CPS caseworkers can call an officer at any time asking for an escort to remove a child, based solely on the caseworker's decision. Judges never rule outside a caseworker's recommendations. The judge presumes that the CPS caseworkers are acting in the best interests of the children. But case after case it is evident they're not acting in their "best interests".

When a CPS petition refers to the "the State," the truth is "the State" is *one unqualified and often times uneducated CPS caseworker with insidious concealed motives.*

CPS and their affiliates have immunity, giving them unlimited authority, this combination has led to hundreds of thousands if not millions of atrocities every year. Their decisions prevail over the recommendations of professionals like doctors, psychiatrists, therapists, and police officers. Example: **perfectly healthy children are being prescribed medication the moment they are placed into foster care.** It is up to a caseworker to prescribe this medication, not a professional. The case worker then can label the child "special needs," and special needs children go for more money, More than 83% are being labeled as Special Needs. It should be noted that DHS has a contract with pharmaceutical companies.

Another example - Unnecessary surgeries are being performed on foster children to financially benefit CPS doctors, Guardian of Light, and other affiliates. I have experienced this first hand. My baby was operated on 5 times on her common birth mark, with allowing me to be present. Yet the federal mandate states only children in life threatening situations should have surgery, again no penalties given to these CPS affiliates who are extorting this system, for financial gain.

[Closing]

- **We have become a society that's financially benefiting from the deaths and the torturous barbaric treatment of hundreds of thousands of children.**
- **More than 400,000 18 year olds are 'released' into society from foster care each year and the number keeps going up.**
- **Eighteen year olds' are the fastest growing population of homelessness in our country. We are creating a modern culture that is breeding to fail.**

REFORM is not possible due to the entanglement of the funds throughout the community. Eliminating the Children for Currency would not stop the totality of the corruption, and would not stop the pedophiles and sadistic types that are attracted to this industry. We need to Rethink the current Children Protective Services, this Federal & State agency has developed unintended consequences needlessly destroying children and parents lives. **Thank you.**

I am prepared to take any questions that you may have...and I have 3 handouts

First: Senator Nancy Schaefer's Report. "The Corrupt Business of Children Protective Services". Federal Investigator Bill Bowen assistant in Senator Schaefer investigation.

Second: A list of 34 State Violations that resulted in the permanent separated myself from my child.

The Third: "A Comprehensive CPS Report" that I wrote in 2014, its 39 pages, so I will be emailing it to your offices.

Let it be known that I would've take an 18 year prison sentence for a crime I did not commit; over terminating my parental rights my beloved and only child; Parents who've killed one of their children serving life in prison.. is Still free to have a relationship with their other children, through letters, phone calls and visits. My life and my daughter's life was needlessly destroyed along side hundreds of thousands of children and parents every year in the United States of America.